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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENT SADAT AND SECRETARY
KISSINGER BEFORE MEETING AT MAAMURA ON MONDAY, AUG 25.

QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, ARE SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS
OF THE NEGOTIATIONS?

PRESIDENT SADAT: WE HAVE NOT YET STARTED THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH
DR. KISSINGER. HE HAS JUST RETURNED THIS MORNING.

QUESTION: BUT HE WAS HERE BEFORE.

PRESIDENT SADAT: YES, YES OF COURSE HE WAS HERE BEFORE AND WE
DISCUSSED A LOT, AND WE SURVEYED THE WHOLE THING. I AM
WAITING TO HEAR, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE CABINET MEETING IN
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ISRAEL.

QUESTION: WE UNDERSTAND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME EXCHANGES WHILE DR KISSINGER WAS AWAY, DO YOU SAY THE SUBSTANTIAL ISSUES HAVE BEEN SOLVED?

PRESIDENT SADAT: THERE ARE STILL ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED.

QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, THERE WAS A REPORT FROM ISRAEL YESTERDAY, THAT EGYPT HAS PLEDGED NOT TO JOIN IN A WAR IF IT IS LAUNCHED BY ANOTHER ARAB COUNTRY, CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, SIR?

PRESIDENT SADAT: WELL THE ISRAELIS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SAYING LOTS OF THINGS, AND I AM NOT READY TO ANSWER ANYTHING THE ISRAELIS SAY.

QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST SECRETARY KISSINGER IN ISRAEL?

PRESIDENT SADAT: IT IS PURELY AN INTERNAL PROBLEM FOR ISRAEL, BUT IT IS NOT FOR ME TO COMMENT ON THIS.

QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, DO YOU SEE ANY PROBLEM IN MAKING PUBLIC SOME OF THE THINGS THAT BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL AGREE TO, PRIVATELY?

PRESIDENT SADAT: WELL, WE CANNOT SAY PRIVATELY, BECAUSE THE WHOLE THING IS IN THE HANDS OF DR KISSINGER, AND I DON'T THINK LIKE LAST MARCH, IF WE COULD HAVE DONE THE SAME NOW AND THEN WE COME WITH NOTHING AFTER THAT, IT IS NOT IN THE BENEFIT OF BOTH OF US, THE UNITED STATES AND US. WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL WE REACH CERTAIN POINT AND THEN AFTER THAT EVERYTHING CAN BE SAID QUITE OPENLY.

QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, IS EGYPT READY FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF PEACE WITH ISRAEL?

PRESIDENT SADAT: I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN BY "EXTENDED PERIOD OF PEACE?"

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QUESTION: PERIOD LASTING MORE THAN ONE YEAR?

PRESIDENT SADAT: WELL, THIS IS SOMETHING THE ISRAELIS SAY FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW, AND WE HAVE OUR POINT OF VIEW, AND AS I TOLD YOU IT IS NOT TIME YET TO DISCLOSE ALL THIS DETAIL.

QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, WILL EGYPT MAKE ANY SECRET PROMISES

TO EITHER THE UNITED STATES OR ISRAEL, OR WILL ALL THE AGREE-
MENT BE MADE PUBLIC?

PRESIDENT SADAT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER: (LAUGHTER)

SECRETARY KISSINGER: -- INAUDIBLE.

PRESIDENT SADAT: NOTHING WILL BE SECRET.

QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF
AMERICAN TECHNICIANS IN THE PASSES TO MAN EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS?

PRESIDENT SADAT: WELL, I AM DISCUSSING THIS WITH DR KISSINGER.

QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, IF YOU SAY THAT NOTHING WILL BE SECRET,
DO YOU MEAN WHATEVER EGYPT MIGHT DO POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY
AND DIPLOMATICALLY, WILL BE PUBLICLY?

PRESIDENT SAKAT: QUITE RIGHT.

QUESTION: CAN WE ASK DR KISSINGER ABOUT HIS REACTION TO HIS
TALKS, IN BOTH SYRIA AND ISRAEL??

SECRETARY KISSINGER: AS YOU PRESIDENT HAS SAID, WE ARE
EXPLORING ALL ASPECTS OF AN AGREEMENT. WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS,
BUT ISSUES REMAIN TO BE SETTLED. IN RESPECT TO SYRIA, I HAVE
STATED PUBLICLY THAT THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT OVERALL
SETTLEMENT MUST INCLUDE ALL THE COUNTRIES AND ALL OF THE ISSUES
AND I HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED THE WILLINGNESS OF THE UNITED STATES
TO HELP ANY PARTIES, INCLUDING SYRIA, TO REACH ANY INTERIM
AGREEMENTS THAT CAN BE NEGOTIATED. I HAVE EXPRESSED THAT SAME
VIEW TO PRESIDENT ASSED, WITH WHOM I HAD A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE
TALK.

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QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, IS IT CORRECT THAT YOU HAVE AGREED
IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS, TO THE RETENTION OF TWO EARLY
WARNING POSTS, ONE TO BE MANNED JOINTLY, BY ISRAEL AND SOME
AMERICAN CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS, AND THE OTHER TO BE BUILT,
TO BE MANNED BY EGYPTIAN AND SOME AMERICAN CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS?

PRESIDENT SADAT: (LAUGHTER) -- ARE ASKING THE QUESTION
OR ARE YOU DOING THE NEGOTIATION? (LAUGHTER)

QUESTION: YOU HAVE THE CHOICE OF ROLES.

PRESIDENT SADAT: ALL THIS MUST WAIT UNTIL WE (INTERRUPTED).

QUESTION: PRESIDENT, DO YOU ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE

UNITED STATES THIS FALL?

PRESIDENT SADAT: WELCOME, SURE. SURE, WELCOME.

QUESTION: THANK YOU MR PRESIDENT.

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